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Title: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING A CONTINUOUS THERMOPLASTIC COATING & ARTICLES CONSTRUCTED THEREFROM**

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AMENDMENT

Cancel claims 43 & 45 without prejudice. Amend claims 1, 33, 44 & 46 and add claims 47-55 as follows:

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1. (3X amended) A method of forming a continuous film layer of [coating] a thermoplastic composition onto a substrate, said method comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing a molten thermoplastic composition;
 - b) advancing a substrate along a path;
 - c) dispensing a continuous film of said thermoplastic composition from a coating device at a coating temperature wherein [the complex viscosity of] the thermoplastic composition [is] has a complex viscosity of less than about 500 poise at about 1000 radians/seconds at the coating temperature and a complex viscosity ranging[es] from about 100 poise to about 1,000 poise at about 1 radian/second at the coating temperature;
 - d) suspending said film between said coating device and said substrate; and

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